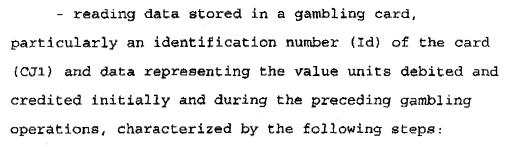Amendment C
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Claim 1. Amend to read as follows:

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1          1.  Electronically secured method for monitoring

2     transfers of value units between a plurality of gambling

3     machine cards and a plurality of gambling machines, each

4     machine being connected to a transcriber of data onto a

5     gambling card, the machines being connected in a secured

6     network with a central processing unit by link means, the

7     method having the following steps, during a gambling

8     operation:

9          - reading data stored in a gambling card,

10    particularly an identification number (Id) of the card

11    (CJ1) and data representing the value units debited and

12    credited initially and during the preceding gambling

13    operations, characterized by the following steps:

14         - electronically securing and exchanging data between

15    the machine and a database of the central processing unit

16    by means linking the secured network, particularly data

17    representing the balance (S) of the value units and the

18    identification number of the card; and

19         - updating data at least twice during each use of the

20    card in a gambling playing session and then checking that

21    the data stored in the gambling card correspond to the

22    data in the database in order to monitor the integrity of
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23   a system constituted by such a card, such a machine, the

24   network, and the central processing unit.

Claim 26.   Amend to read as follows:

1   26.   A method for monitoring transfers of value units

2   between a plurality of gambling cards and a plurality of

3   gambling machines, each machine being connected to a

4   transcriber of data onto a gambling card, the machines

5   being connected in a secured network with a central

6   processing unit comprising the steps of, during a gambling

7   operation:

8   (a)   - reading data stored in a gambling card,

9   particularly an identification number of the card and data

10   representing the value units debited and credited during

11   the preceding gambling operations,

12   (b)   - electronically securing and exchanging data

13   between the machine and a database of the central

14   processing unit by the secured network, particularly data

15   representing the balance of the value units and the

16   identification number of the card; and

17   (c) - checking that the data stored in the gambling

18   card corresponds to the data in the database in order to

19   monitor the integrity of a system constituted by such a

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20   card,   such   a   machine,   the   network,   and   the   central

21   processing unit, and

22   (d) - wherein said exchanging and checking steps are

23   performed for each change of value of the cards.

Claim 27.   Cancel.

Claim 29.   Amend to read as follows:

     29.   (Amended) Method according to Claim 28, wherein
said checking step consists of performing said checking step
in any of said terminals, said cards, said transcribers, and
said central processing unit.

Claim 35.   Cancel.

Claim 36.   Amend to read as follows:

1   36.   (Amended) A secure gambling system for monitoring

2   transfers of value units comprising a plurality of gambling

3   cards, and a plurality of gambling machines, each machine

4   being provided with a transcriber able to debit value units

5   of a gambling card, the machines being connected in a

6   secured network with a central processing unit by link

7   means, each gambling card stores data representing gambling

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8   representing gambling operations conducted therewith, data

9   identifying the card and data representing the balance of

10   the value units debited and credited during previous

         gambling operations, the central processing unit has a

12   database that in parallel stores the data as in the cards

13   representing gambling operations carried out, card

14   identification and data representing the balances of the

15   value units debited and credited during previous gambling

16   operations, the means for monitoring and checking that,

17   for an identified card, the database data and the card

18   data correspond, particularly that the data representing

19   the value unit balance correspond, thereby verifying the

20   integrity of the system.

Claim 39.   Amend to read as follows:

39.   Secured system according to Claim 38, wherein
the security module is disposed in a location consisting
of the group of the transcriber, the gambling machine
(200), the network link, and the central processing unit
(1).

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Claim 41.   Amend to read as follows:

    41.   The method of Claim 1 or 26, wherein said data representing gambling operations are stored sequentially in parallel in the gambling card memory and in the database with successive balances of value units debited and credited with the card.